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THE STATE LEVY.

The state of Oregon will require to meet expenditures during 1904 approximately \$1,500,000, necessitating a levy of 7 1/2 mills on the assessed valuation of \$148,000,000. Of the total amount required \$815,000 is needed to meet unusual appropriations made by the legislature—\$250,000 for the Lewis and Clark fair, or the half of the whole appropriation to be raised this year; \$165,000 for the portage railroad, \$100,000 for the Cello canal and \$100,000 for the Indian war veterans. Were it not for these appropriations but \$610,000 would be raised by direct taxation, and the levy would be less than 4 mills. The heavy levy for 1904 will be a burden on the taxpayers, but in view of the benefits to be derived, it can well be borne. Of the appropriations that of \$100,000 for the Cello canal right-of-way will net the greatest benefits, for it will have the effect of affording the producers of the great inland empire an open highway to the sea. The fair will doubtless be of preliminary benefit, but the reaction may be disastrous. However, the people of Portland are accepting all the chance so far as permanent results are concerned, and the rest of the state has willingly provided them with the large sum asked for the exposition. As for the portage road, it may be of some benefit, but the project is a doubtful one. It is gratifying to know that, with all these lavish appropriations, Oregon is still absolutely free from debt, and the action of the board in maintaining this condition is to be commended. There is no good reason why a state, county or municipal government should be constantly menaced with a gigantic interest account, and taxpayers should at all times be required to pay their way. We of Astoria, who pay out in interest almost as much as is received from legitimate taxation, are in position to appreciate this. "Pay as you go" is not only good policy for individuals, but as well for local and state corporations.

ONE HORRIBLE EXAMPLE.

Some 22 years ago the republic of Santo Domingo, tired of a constant succession of revolutions and anarchy turned to the United States and requested to be taken under our protection. During Gen. Grant's administration a special commission was sent to Santo Domingo to inquire into the matter, and that commission recommended that the petition be allowed and the country taken over. The question had been submitted to the people of Santo Domingo and the vote for annexation to the United States was almost unanimous. At that time one senator, on account of personal hostility to the administration, prevented the passage of the measure for the annexation of Santo Domingo, says the Post-Intelligencer. He was the anti-imperialist of that day. It was a small matter to the United States, but how about the people of Santo Domingo? In the 26 years which have passed since that time there has been a constant succession of revolutionary disturbances in Santo Domingo. The island has been drenched with blood; industry has been paralyzed; the most fertile land in the world has gone back to the wilderness; debts have accumulated; and nothing save the fact that a living in the tropics costs practically nothing has saved the people from ever more bitter distress. At the present time five nondescript leaders are fighting for mastery in the island—for the opportunity to plunder and still further oppress the people until turned out by some other revolutionary leader. Contrast the situation in Santo Domingo with that in Puerto Rico, or the Philippines, and ask whether the United States has not done a greater service to humanity, to civilization and to the people of our tropical possessions than if we had listened to the democrats and anti-imperialists, and turned those people over to their own devices.

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NUMBER OF MILLIONAIRES.

Recently Senator Depew, addressing the Rockefeller Bible class, said that there are 100,000 millionaires in the United States. The New York Press says that if Senator Depew is correct in this statement, then an official of a great commercial agency and the president of one of New York's richest banks are decidedly in error. The Press adds: "Both place the number of millionaires in the entire world at 10,000. There are 7000 in the United States and 1000 of these live in New York city, whether they pay taxes here or not. The financial Red Book, a most carefully compiled publication, gives the name of practically all the persons in the United States who are supposed to be worth more than \$300,000. And there are only 15,000 names on the list. No claim is made that the name of every person worth that amount or more is given, but the proportion of those left out is extremely small, for a most exhaustive investigation has been made. "There may be a few more than 7000 millionaires in the United States," said the official of the mercantile agency. "I doubt it, however. I also doubt if there are more than 1000 millionaires in New York. It is absolutely impossible to tell accurately. It may seem strange that we should not be able to tell, especially when we are engaged in finding out how much a man is worth and giving such information to our subscribers. So, while it is impossible for us to tell exactly how many millionaires there are, we would not take the number of those who are known to possess a thousand thousands at least and they multiply the number by 10. For that is what Senator Depew seems to have done in his anxiety to urge Mr. Rockefeller's young men to get rich."

Cleopatra received Egypt as a present from Julius Caesar, and a writer in the Kansas City Journal presents a number of other instances where countries were used as presents. Lucullus, Sulla and Pompey each gave away half a dozen kingdoms. Antony gave the little kingdom of Judea to Herod. One of the excellent stories of the past is that the Emperor Constantine gave Rome and all Italy to Pope Sylvester, who cured him of leprosy. King John, called Lackland, being excommunicated by Pope Innocent III., gave to that pope and his successors the kingdom of Ireland and England. The deed reads: "Not constrained with fear, but with my full consent and the advice of my barons, for the remission of my sins against God and the church, I resign England and Ireland to God, St. Peter, St. Paul and our lord, the Pope Innocent, and to his successors to the apostolic chair." Julius II gave the states of King Louis XII to the Emperor.

Statistics for the year ending August 29 show that automobiles killed as many persons in England in a week as railroad trains did in a year. The entire number of accidents enumerated in England and Wales during the period mentioned were 3994, the persons injured being 2991 and the deaths 411. The figures show an average of 76.75 accidents a week, with 57.52 persons injured and 7.9 killed every week. During the last twelve months the total number of passengers and railway officials killed by accidents on passenger trains on British railways was eight, the injured being 224.

A story is told of Count Schouvaloff, a former Russian ambassador to England. He greatly admired English women and was heartily annoyed when he offended any one of them. While he was in America he learned English, and having heard one famous English beauty say "Shut up!" to another, he imagined it to be a phrase of polite agreement, such as "Say no more." In this sense he himself addressed it to an illustrious lady the next night at dinner, to the lady's consternation, and his own, when later he discovered his mistake.

City Committeeman John Boyle, of Philadelphia, was consulted by some fellow democrats as to a certain candidate for ward leadership. "Mr. Blank is a first rate man," said one of his callers. "He talks like a book, as the saying is." Mr. Boyle responded bluntly, "We don't want a man that talks like a book. The man we need is a fellow that talks like a burglar proof safe after it has been locked up for the night." or Maximilian. Sixtus V., Gregory XIV and Clement VIII were ready to make a present of France to whomsoever Philip II would have chosen for the husband of his daughter, Clara Eu-

gonia. Alexander VI presented the East and West Indies to Spain and Portugal which was like giving almost all the earth. Speaking of the gift of England and Ireland by King John: He declared himself the pope's farmer, or tenant, and paid down in cold cash \$40,000 with a promise to pay \$5000 more every year. The first year he paid in advance and stood to lose all in the event of failure to meet his installments. It is said that the pope's legate Pandolph, departed with the money and forgot to remove the excommunication.

The December number of the "Book of the Royal Blue," the publication of the passenger department of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, is intrinsically one of the most interesting, as well as one of the handsomest and most readable, of the monthly magazines. It well reflects the wonderful skill and care exercised by the management of the Royal Blue in the operation of its many lines of railway. No company maintains a better service, faster or better equipped trains, or devotes more attention to the safety of its patrons than the old Baltimore & Ohio.

The New York Tribune pays the following tribute to the rare executive ability of President Diaz: "What greater Mexican than Porfirio Diaz was ever known before or since the era of Cortez and the Spanish conquest? He brought order out of confusion, and has been so far sighted, strong souled, forceful and wise a president of the republic below the Rio Grande that his successive administrations have steadily enhanced the welfare of the states whose destinies he has guided. The revenues of Mexico for its latest fiscal year were more than \$7,000,000 in excess of its expenditures. And yet that country, within comparatively recent memory, appeared to be hopelessly and irretrievably bankrupt."

It is to be hoped that Mme. Patti, during her coming visit to Portland, will not overlook the opportunity thus offered to express her opinion as to the efficiency of Chief of Police Hunt.

All Sorts of Items. Buffalo Bill's Wild West show has traveled 37,529 miles since its organization in 1893 and given 1,697 performances.

The bamboo holds the record among plants for quick growth. It has been known to grow two feet in twenty-four hours.

The United States has gone into the propagating business to the extent of hatching and distributing nearly 1,200,000,000 fish a year.

In Maine there are sixteen spool factories that cut up enough white birch trees to make 300,000,000 spools a year, about which are ultimately wound 50,000,000,000 yards of thread.

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Table with columns: LEAVE, PORTLAND, ARRIVE. Rows for Astoria, Seaside Division, and Sunday only.

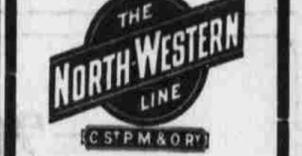
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